

Obstetrics and Gynaecology

Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clinical Care Unit

King Edward Memorial Hospital (KEMH) is the sole tertiary referral centre for women's and newborn health in Western Australia. The Obstetric and Gynaecology Clinical Care Unit (OGCCU) specialises in gynaecology, urogynaecology, oncology and obstetrics including specialist pregnancy care (e.g. maternal fetal medicine, diabetes, adolescents and chemical dependency/substance use).

Midwifery and Nursing Practice in the Obstetrics and Gynaecology Clinical Care Unit

Approximately 6000 women give birth each year at KEMH, including women with uncomplicated pregnancies from the local geographic area. Women with high-risk pregnancies are referred to KEMH from all over the State.

Midwives and nurses have the opportunity to work autonomously and within multidisciplinary teams that include obstetricians, general practitioners and allied health professionals.

Rewarding midwifery positions include:

- Antenatal Clinics
- Diabetes Service
- Women and Newborn Drug and Alcohol Service (WANDAS)
- Adolescent Service
- Maternal Fetal Assessment Unit
- Labour and Birth Suite
- Family Birth Centre
- Parent Education
- Obstetric antenatal and postnatal inpatient wards
- Breastfeeding Centre
- Visiting Midwifery Service
- Adult Special Care Unit
- Emergency Centre
- Next Birth After Caesarean (NBAC) Clinic
- Childbirth and Mental Illness (CAMI) Clinic

Midwives and nurses have the opportunity to work autonomously and within multidisciplinary teams that include obstetricians, general practitioners, registered nurses and allied health professionals.

Rewarding nursing positions include:

- Gynaecology/Oncology Ward
- Operating Theatre
- Day Surgery Unit
- Outpatient Clinics
- Fertility Service
- Menopause Service
- Menopause Symptoms after Cancer Clinic

Midwifery models-of-care

Midwifery-led care

The Family Birth Centre offers this model of care for women experiencing uncomplicated pregnancies and includes care across the antenatal, labour and postnatal period. KEMH also has midwife-led antenatal clinics.

Team midwifery

Small groups of midwives, working within a multidisciplinary team, provide continuity of care for women during pregnancy, birth and the postnatal period. Women with obstetric conditions not suitable for care in the Family Birth Centre may be considered for Team Midwifery care.

Programs offered

Registered Midwife Rotation (RMR)

Midwives rotate through Clinics, Labour and Birth Suite, Antenatal/Postnatal Ward and Visiting Midwifery Service. Flexibility also exists to work in other areas e.g. KEMH Special Care Nursery, Adult Special Care Unit and Emergency Centre.

Graduate Midwifery Program (GMP)

A specially tailored 12 month clinical and professional development program is provided for recently graduated midwives.

Undergraduate / postgraduate nursing midwifery clinical placements

Clinical placements are offered to Curtin and Edith Cowan University students. KEMH also offers a Graduate Nurse Program in partnership with Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital.

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We offer employees

- Opportunities to enhance their midwifery and nursing skills through education, preceptorship and clinical support
- Clinical excellence in the care of women and babies guided by evidence based Midwifery and Nursing Guidelines
- Support from a midwifery and nursing leadership team including dedicated midwifery and nursing clinical managers for each unit, nurse practitioners and clinical midwifery and nursing consultants.
- Clinical development midwives and nurses in each unit to provide a comprehensive orientation program and ongoing professional development support
- Midwifery and nursing research opportunities and affiliation with universities
- Comprehensive professional development study days at KEMH
- The opportunity to work within a Baby Friendly Health Initiative Accredited organisation
- Full-time and part-time positions

“We are committed to providing optimal care for our women, babies and their families and ensuring our staff are fulfilled and valued.”

Midwifery and Nursing Director, OGCCU

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Other benefits

KEMH is located in the suburb of Subiaco only three kilometres from the Perth CBD.

Perth is renowned for its great weather, beaches, cafes and social or sporting activities where it is easy to meet friendly people and enjoy yourself.

For a nominal fortnightly fee, staff can join the hospital's gym club which entitles them to unlimited use of the well-equipped gym.

Staff can also join the social club and engage in a wide range of fun events.

By contributing a small fortnightly subscription to the Nurses' and Midwives' General Purpose Fund, staff may be sponsored to attend conferences, lectures and other education forums.

Like more information?

Visit the WNHS website:

www.wnhs.health.wa.gov.au

For more information on midwifery and nursing opportunities at KEMH please telephone (08) 9340 1192 or (08) 9340 2222 Pager: 3515

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